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Special Announcement

SAVE THE DATE. 2004 Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host its 6th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference at a new place and time this year. The all-day conference will be held at the new Washington Convention Center on December 13, 2004. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Federal Opportunities

Historic Battlefields and Related Sites. *The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), administered by the National Park Service (NPS),* promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. The goals of the program are: to protect battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of our history; to encourage and assist all Americans in planning for the preservation, management, and interpretation of these sites; to raise awareness of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations. The purpose of this grant program is to provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the preservation of battlefield land and/or their associated sites. Eligible applicants include federal, tribal, state, and local governments, as well as private-sector organizations. The deadline for applications is January 28, 2005, at 4:00pm, for those that are sent by commercial express delivery service or hand-delivered by the applicant. Applications sent by mail must be USPS postmarked by January 21, 2005. The ABPP encourages potential applicants to contact the ABPP staff and discuss proposed projects

before preparing an application. For further information, go to: http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/funding.htm.

We the People Challenge Grants in United States History, Institutions, and Culture. *The National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities focused on exploring significant themes and events in American history, and support projects that advance knowledge of the founding principles of the United States in their full historical and institutional context. Eligible applicants include State and local government entities, nonprofit organizations, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2005. Approximately $1million is available to fund awards up to $30,000. For further information contact Peter Scott, at (202) 606-8446, or pscott@heh.gov or go to http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/wtpchallenge.html.

Health Resources and Services Administration Preview. *The Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration* announces the availability of funds in the FY 2005 HRSA Preview. The preview provides the general public with a single source of program and application information related to 100 or more of the Agency's competitive grant announcements that include; Health Professionals, HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health, Primary Health Care, and HRSA Special Programs. The deadline to submit applications vary depending upon the grant program. To review grant programs go to http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/default.htm. To request a hard copy contact HRSA Information

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Center, at 1-800-275-4772, or write to HRSA Information Center, at 2710 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031.

National Program To Promote Diabetes Education Strategies in Minority Communities: The National Diabetes Education Program. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to support the National Diabetes Education Program activities that strengthen the capacity of national and regional organizations to reduce the disproportionate burden of diabetes among high-risk populations. Eligible applicants include national, regional, state, multi-state, and faith-based organizations and institutions that are private health, education or social service organizations. The deadline for applications is November 18, 2004. Approximately $3 million is available to fund 6-8 awards, ranging from $250,000-$500,000. For further information, contact Shirl Ellis at (770) 448-5035 or sfe9@cdc.gov; or go to: http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-22259.txt.

District Opportunities

CLARIFICATION. FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant. *The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning Council,* announces funds to provide a variety of support services to indigent, uninsured and under-insured persons who are HIV-infected. For further information, go to: **www.opgd.dc.gov, click on District Grants Clearinghouse**; or contact the following:

District of Columbia
64 New York Avenue, NE
5th Floor, Suite 5001
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 727-2500 – new number
(202) 671-4819
(202) 671-4860 – fax
Ebony.fortune@dc.gov
www.opgd.dc.gov, click on District Grants Clearinghouse

Suburban Virginia/Northern Virginia
Regional Commission
7535 Little River Turnpike
Suite 100
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 642-0700
www.novaregion.org

Suburban Maryland
Prince Georges County
Health Department
Ryan White Program
1701 McCormick Drive
Suite 210
Largo, MD 20774
(301) 883-7848
www.co.pg.md.us

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: http://opgd.dc.gov/, click on District Grants Clearinghouse.

The Department of Employment Services (DOES)/DC Workforce Investment Council (WIC), Job Readiness, October 20, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Young Artists, October 25, 2004.

The District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD), Child Development Center Operation, November 1, 2004, at 2:00pm.

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning Council, FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant, November 15, 2004.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) Program, December 2, 2004, at 4:00pm.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, December 30, 2004.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Child Care and Early Education. *The Rosie's For All Kids Foundation* supports childcare, early childhood education, after-school and other essential programs. The foundation's main focus is center-based childcare, and first priority is given to programs serving low-income, urban areas, where many families struggle to find quality childcare and early childhood education programs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for Letters of Intent (LOIs). For further information, go to: http://www.forallkids.org/.

Community Health. *Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Council of La Raza,* announces funding to support organizations whose primary goal is to improve access to quality health care for the medically underserved. Priority consideration is given to those organizations seeking support for projects that measurably improve care for the medically underserved - with emphasis on projects affecting women and children, including infants and adolescents. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based, and health care organizations within the city limits of Washington, DC, as well as Alabama, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, and Los Angeles, CA. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2004, at 5:00pm. A total of six two-year grants of $150,000 each will be made. For further information, go to: http://www.jhsph.edu/johnsonandjohnson.

Fitness and Nutrition. *Libraries for the Future, with support from MetLife Foundation,* is sponsoring Get Real, Get Fit!, a program of library-based activities and discussions focused on physical fitness and healthy eating for teens and their families. Eligible applicants include public libraries of all sizes and types that will work with one or more community organizations or schools as partners. The deadline for applications is December 10, 2004. Forty grants of $1,500-$2,500 will be awarded. For further information, go to: http://www.lff.org/news/GRGF_rfp.html.

Teacher Retention. *The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education and the National Education Association's Teacher Quality Department* are seeking proposals to establish the teaching and learning conditions necessary to attract and retain accomplished teachers in high-need schools. Partnerships receiving grants will take action at the state and local levels to establish policies, conditions, and incentives to ensure that high-need schools have fully credentialed, accomplished teachers capable of accelerating the achievement of all students. Eligible applicants include partnerships comprising an NEA state affiliate, one or more local NEA affiliates, and one or more public school districts. Eligible partnerships may engage other organizations deemed necessary to accomplish the goal of the grant. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2004. Approximately 3-6 grants of $50,000-$100,000 will be awarded for a grant period of eighteen months. For further information, go to: http://www.nfie.org/grants.htm.

Urban and Community Forestry Projects. *The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council* seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources for this and future generations. Through the Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, the Council supports innovative urban and community forestry projects that have national or widespread impact and applicability. Grants are made in the following categories: urban and community forestry for and with minority and underserved populations; urban forest resource management; projects that communicate the value of urban and community forestry; and urban and community forestry research and technology development. Eligible applicants include non-federal organizations operating within the U.S. or its territories. The deadline for pre-proposals is November 2, 2004. Approximately

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$1 million is available. All grants must be matched at least one-to-one with non-federal funds, including in-kind donations, volunteer assistance and monetary contributions. For further information, contact Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant to the Council, at (909) 585-9268 from 7:00am-5:00pm Pacific Standard Time; or go to: http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/.

Resources & Announcements

Citywide Calendar. *The Government of the District of Columbia*'s Citywide Calendar is an online tool that lists some of the local events likely to be of interest to DC residents, businesses, and visitors. Events include those sponsored by the Government of the District of Columbia, as well as local organizations. For further information on how to view or post events, go to: http://app.calendar.rrc.dc.gov/dayView.aspx.

Emerging Trends in Grantmakers' Use of the Internet. *Interactive Applications Group's (IAG)* book - Foundations For Success – is the result of ten years of experience working with some of the nation's most forward-thinking foundations. This book acknowledges that foundations have made enormous advances in the ways they think about and apply new technology to support the work of philanthropy and focuses on four major trends: transparency, network building, knowledge management, and e-grantmaking. For further information and to access a free copy, go to: http://iapps.com/success.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Health Insurance Costs Hurt U.S. Nonprofits. *The Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies* produced a report, The Health Benefits Squeeze: Implications for Nonprofit Organizations and Those They Serve. The report states that American nonprofit organizations are being especially hard hit by escalating health benefit costs. "The extraordinary growth of health benefit costs revealed by this survey has imposed a silent tax on America's charities and the dedicated people who work for them," said Lester M. Salamon, who directs the Center for Civil Society Studies. "While much has been written about the impact of rising health benefit costs on small businesses," said Audrey Alvarado, executive director of the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, "the fact is that the impact has been even greater on nonprofit organizations, and this has a serious ripple effect on the quality of community life." For further information and to access the report, go to: http://www.jhu.edu/listeningpost/news/pdf/comm03.pdf.

High-Engagement Philanthropy. *Venture Philanthropy Partners and Community Wealth Ventures* jointly produced a series of reports in an effort to advance high-engagement philanthropy and contribute to building the field. High-Engagement Philanthropy: A Bridge to a More Effective Social Sector, the latest report in the series, examines the link between greater effectiveness by nonprofits and their access to capital—money to fund and grow their organizations. The report consists of a lead essay and six dialogues between high-engagement philanthropists and their investment partners (grantees) that provide a window into the ongoing give and take nature of high-engagement philanthropy, highlighting its benefits and pitfalls and depicting the push and pull inherent in and essential to authentic partnership. For further information and to access the report, go to: http://www.vppartners.org/report2004.html.

How to Measure Success. *Innovation Network* announces its Evaluation Learning Institute (ELI) - a four-part training series that focuses on planning and evaluation for DC area nonprofits. If you are interested in measuring the success of your programs, looking for new ways to communicate program strengths to your funders, and/or looking for ideas on

how to improve your programs to better meet the needs of your clients, this is the training for you. Participants will learn to apply planning and evaluation skills to current and future programs in order to improve their effectiveness. Ideal participants will have the time and resources necessary to dedicate towards program improvement and seek additional expertise in program evaluation. The ELI consists of four full-day seminars spread out over the course of a four-month period. Each session focuses on a particular component of program evaluation and is supported by one-on-one technical assistance from Innovation Network staff to help groups implement new evaluation practices learned during the seminars. The four sessions will take place from 10:00am-4:00pm on January 20, February 24, March 24, and April 21, 2005. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in the DC area that have at least two staff members. The deadline for applications is November 19, 2004. This training is free, but space is limited. For further information, eligibility requirements, and application instructions, contact Veena Pankaj at vpankaj@innonet.org or (202) 728-0727 x 107; or go to: http://www.innonet.org/services/eli/.

Learn How to Earn Online. *Maryland Nonprofits, NPower Greater DC Region, and TouchDC (an initiative of Washington Grantmakers)* will present the first in their E-ffective Ideas technology training series - Learn How to Earn Online. Learn how to turn your website into an online fundraising vehicle and discover resources that can help you find more volunteers online to support your organization's good work. Topics such as Guidestar, "Donate Now" buttons, and VolunteerMatch will be discussed. This free training will be held November 3, 2004, 9:30am–11:30am, at the Prince George's Child Resource Center, 9475 Lottsford Road, Largo, MD 20774-5359. For further information or to register online, go to: http://www.marylandnonprofits.org/html/explore/10104News.asp.

Nonprofit Award Competition Opens. *The Washington Council of Agencies (WCA)* announces that applications are now being accepted for its Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. The program recognizes outstanding management practices of local nonprofits and judges them on fiscal management, information and

communication, organizational development, people development, planning, resource development, risk management, and use of technology. Eligible applicants include local nonprofits. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2004. The winning organization will receive a $5,000 unrestricted cash grant, as well as a $2,500 scholarship for a nonprofit management course offered through George Washington University's Nonprofit Management program. In addition, up to four honorable mentions will also each receive a $2,500 unrestricted cash grant award. For further information, go to: www.wcanonprofits.org.

Provide Input on Nonprofit Accountability and Reform. *The Senate Finance Committee* sent a letter to Independent Sector (IS), a coalition of 600 member organizations and foundations, asking IS to convene a national panel of nonprofit representatives to recommend legislative options to increase nonprofit accountability. The September 22 letter follows Finance Committee hearings on nonprofit practices held in July that examined allegations of excessive compensation, tax shelters, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) noncompliance. Based on the hearings and feedback, the Finance Committee is now considering various types of reforms. The Finance Committee has been concerned with this issue after scandals surfaced last year involving a small number of large nonprofits. Increased oversight and enforcement, if not carefully crafted, could lead to unnecessary administrative burdens for small nonprofits. Seventy percent of charities have annual budgets under $500,000, and tougher regulations and enforcement could be overly burdensome to them. Nonprofits of all types are urged to give input to the committee, because any new regulations will affect the entire sector. For further information and to provide input, go to: http://www.ombwatch.org/article/articleview/2441/1/291/.

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